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# Ling and the Thing

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Ping, ping. Bing, bing.  
“What is that?” Ling thinks. “A  
thing is there! It hid in the mist!”



Thump, thud! Thump, thud!  
“It’s flinging twigs and rocks! It’s  
big and tall. I bet it has fangs!”



Bang, bang! Clang, clang!  
“It’s on a swing! Get off my  
swing, you big, bad thing!”



“Where did that thing go?  
Is it clinging to the wall?  
Can it get in?”





Bang! Thump! Crack!  
“This is lasting too long!” Ling sobs.





Some fog clings to the grass.  
“Is that thing still there?” Ling thinks.



At last the sun melts the fog.  
There is no thing!

# Ling and the Thing

Word Count: 105

## High-Frequency Words

go  
my  
no  
some  
the  
there  
to  
too  
what  
where  
you

## Decodable Words\*

a  
and  
at  
bad  
**bang**  
bet  
big  
**bing**  
can  
**clang**  
**clinging**  
**clings**  
crack

did  
**fangs**  
**flinging**  
fog  
get  
grass  
has  
hid  
I  
in  
is  
it  
it's

last  
**lasting**  
**Ling**  
**long**  
melts  
mist  
off  
on  
**ping**  
rocks  
sobs  
still  
sun

**swing**  
tall  
that  
**thing**  
thinks  
this  
thud  
thump  
twigs  
wall

\*Words with /ng/ *ng* appear in **boldface** type.



## Diphthong /ng/ng

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